BILL # HB 2002 **TITLE:** honored military special plates; motorcycles

SPONSOR: Straughn **STATUS:** As Amended by House Transportation

REQUESTED BY: House **PREPARED BY:** Bob Hull

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

The bill would add motorcycles to the definition of vehicles eligible to receive veteran special license plates. The bill would allow the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to accept and use up to \$32,000 from sources outside the department for implementation costs.

Estimated Impact

The bill is likely to increase total annual revenue by up to \$9,600 beginning in FY 2005, including increases of up to \$3,100 to the State Highway Fund and up to \$6,500 to the Veterans' Donations Fund.

ADOT estimates expenditures of \$32,000 from sources outside the department.

Analysis

The bill would add motorcycles to the definition of vehicles eligible to receive veteran special license plates. ADOT reports having issued 127,966 motorcycle plates as of December 31, 2003. ADOT reports that the number of veteran license plates for regular vehicles is approximately 0.3% of the number of regular vehicles plates issued, and that the number of veteran license plates has not changed significantly for the past several years. For purposes of this fiscal note, we have assumed that applying 0.3% to the 127,966 motorcycle plates would yield potentially 384 veteran motorcycle plates. ADOT would charge a \$25 fee for both original issue and annual renewal of veteran motorcycle plates, including an \$8 special plate administration fee to the State Highway Fund and a \$17 donation to the Veterans' Donations Fund. Issuing 384 veteran motorcycle plates would increase total annual revenue by \$9,600 beginning in FY 2005, including annual increases of \$3,100 to the State Highway Fund and \$6,500 to the Veterans' Donations Fund.

The \$32,000 of estimated expenditures includes \$19,800 for computer programming, \$3,500 for forms, and \$8,700 for plate production and shipping. The \$8,700 for plate production and shipping would cover a minimum order of 1,800 plates (900 sets of 2 special plates each), which ADOT would distribute among various Motor Vehicle Division field offices.

The bill would have a general effective date.

Local Government Impact

None

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